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AFRICAN, LATAN REACTION TO ANGOLA

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NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN SEES AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET-CUBAN ACTIONS IN ANGOLA SHARPLY ESCALATING AND EXAMINES SOME OF THE REASONS WHY.

VOICE:

IN TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS THIS WEEK SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER CALLED THE SOVIET-CUBAN ADVENTURE IN ANGOLA AN "UNPRECEDENTED APPLICATION OF SOVIET POWER." AND HE BACKED UP THIS ASSESSMENT BY CITING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS THAT MOSCOW HAS SUPPLIED IN ARMS FOR THE ANGOLAN POPULAR MOVEMENT, AND ELEVEN THOUSAND CUBAN TROOPS BEING USED BY MOSCOW AS ITS COMBAT SURROGATES.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, PRESIDENT (KENNETH) KAUNDA EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WHEN HE SAID: "A PLUNDERING TIGER WITH ITS DEADLY CUBS (IS) NOW COMING IN THROUGH THE BACK DOOR" OF AFRICA--A TRANSPARENT ALLUSION TO THE SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION. AND HE ANNOUNCED A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO DEAL WITH ANY SPILL-OVER OF THE SOVIET-CUBAN AGGRESSION INTO ZAMBIA. IN KAMPALA, FOUR AFRICAN PRESIDENTS--TOLBERT OF LIBERIA, MOBUTO OF ZAIRE, AMIN OF UGANDA AND BOKASSA OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC -- ALSO CONDEMNED SOVIET-CUBAN ACTIONS IN ANGOLA. THEY NOTED THAT A RECENT ATTACK BY CUBAN TROOPS ON THE ZAIREAN BORDER TOWN OF DILOLO WAS A VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND O-A.U. CHARTERS AND AN ACT OF NAKED AGGRESSION. AND THEIR COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUCH AN ACT OF AGGRESSION IS NOT A PRELUDE TO AN ESCALATION OF ACTIVITIES BY SOVIET AND CUBAN FORCES AGAINST ZAIRE AND AFRICA.

ON HIS RETURN FROM KAMPALA, PRESIDENT TOLBERT SPOKE TO A WELCOMING DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL RECEPTION IN MONROVIA IN EMOTIONAL TERMS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA AND AFRICA. LOOKING STRAIGHT AT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, HE SAID IN PART: "DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING? AFRICANS ARE BEING KILLED...MY FRIENDS, HOW CAN ANYONE WHO KILLS MY BROTHER EXPECT FOR ME TO BELIEVE THAT HE IS MY FRIEND. I CALL UPON THOSE WHO HAVE THE POWER TO DO WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO STOP USING THAT POWER...AND SAVE THE LIVES OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE DYING..."

IN LATIN AMERICA, THE SOVIET-CUBAN ACTIONS IN ANGOLA ARE HAVING AN EQUALLY NEGATIVE IMPACT. COSTA RICA'S FOREIGN MINISTER (GONZALO) FACIO WHO LAST YEAR WAS ONE OF THE LEADING ADVOCATES OF LATIN AMERICAN RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA IS CHANGING HIS MIND. HE SAID IN PANAMA THIS WEEK THAT OTHER LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS ARE ALSO RECONSIDERING THE WISDOM OF THEIR RE-ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH HAVANA, NOW THAT IT HAS GIVEN CLEAR PROOF THAT IT HAS IN NO WAY ABANDONED THE CONCEPT OF EXPORTING ITS REVOLUTION. AND THE LATIN AMERICAN PRESS IS INCREASINGLY CRITICAL OF THE CUBAN ROLE AS A CLIENT STATE OF THE SOVIET UNION.

IN GENERAL THE LATIN AMERICAN REACTION CAN BE SUMMED UP LIKE THIS: IF CUBA AT THE SOVIET UNION'S BEHEST CAN MOVE THOUSANDS OF TROOPS TO FAR-AWAY ANGOLA, HOW MUCH EASIER WOULD IT BE FOR HAVANA TO DO SO IN THIS HEMISPHERE? AND MUCH OF THE PRESS COMMENT EXPRESSES REVULSION AT THE UNPRINCIPLED USE OF CUBAN YOUNG MEN AS CANNON FODDER TO ADVANCE SOVIET ADVENTURES.

(OPT) CHILE'S CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO" SAYS: "IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE A NEW WAVE OF SUBVERSION WILL START IN LATIN AMERICA... MOSCOW COULD SEND CUBAN TROOPS TO LATIN AMERICA," JUST AS IT

HAS TO ANGOLA. IN BOLIVIA, A COUNTRY THAT DEFEATED THE CHE GUEVARA ATTENPT TO SUBVERT IT SOME YEARS AGO, "EL DIARIO" OF LA PAZ SAYS: "CUBA'S CASE IS PATHETIC...IN EXCHANGE FOR THE AID RUSSIA HAS GIVEN...THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING SENT TO AFRICAN SOIL FROM WHICH THEY WILL NEVER RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, IN ORDER TO FIGHT FOR A NEW FORM OF COLONIALISM--MOSCOW'S..." (END OPT)

AND SO THE DREAM OF HAVANA AND MOSCOW TO APPEAR AS THE CHAMPIONS OF THIRD WORLD NATIONATISM IS SHATTERED BY THAT WORLD'S OWN PERCEPTION OF HOW BOTH COMMUNIST CAPITALS SUBORDINATE THEIR DREAMS TO THEIR OVER-RIDING AMBITIONS OF HEGEMONY WON BY FORCE OF ARMS.

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